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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF NGUZA TRIAL

REF: A) STATE 212795; B) KINSHASA 8469

1. ASSUME DEPTTEL (REFTTEL A) TRANSMITTED BEFORE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED KINSHASA 8469 (REFTTEL B). AS REPORTED IN SEPTEMBER 5 ISSUE OF "SALONGO", MOBUTU MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN HIS SEPT. 4 ADDRESS: "I SPOKE OF NGUZA'S TREACHERY. I'M INFORMING YOU THAT HIS TRIAL WILL BE PUCLIC. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THE TRIAL ON TELEVISION OR IN THE COURT ROOM. NGUZA MAY HAVE AS MANY LAWYERS AS HE WISHES; BE THEY FOREIGNERS OR ZAIRIANS."

2. THE AZAP REPORT OF SEPT. 5 REPORTED THIS PORTION OF MOBUTU'S SPEECH IN THE FOLLOWING FASHION:..." MOBUTU WHO THEN ENDED THIS PART OF HIS SPEECH BY ANNOUNCING THAT THE TRIAL OF CITIZEN NGUZA WILL BE PUBLIC AND BROADCAST ON RADIO, WHILE EXTRACTS WILL BE SHOWN ON TELEVISION. MOREOVER, NGUZA MAY BE DEFENDED BY AS MANY LAWYERS OF HIS OWN CHOOSING AS HE MAY WISH TO HAVE."

3. "ELIMA" ON SEPT. 6 PUBLISHED THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE FROM THE ZAIRIAN SUPREME COURT: "THE TRIAL OF NGUZA KARL I BOND WILL OPEN  
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THIS SATURDAY, SEPT. 10 AT 8:00 A.M. THIS CASE WILL BE HEARD IN THE REGULAR CHAMBERS OF THE COURT. AS ANNOUNCED BY THE PRESIDENT-FOUNDER OF THE MPR ON SUNDAY, THE TRIAL WILL BE PUBLIC AND BROADCAST ON TELEVISION. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO INVITES MEMBERS OF THE PRESS CORPS TO ATTEND SATURDAY'S SESSION.

CITIZEN NGUZA KARL I BOND, FORMER STATE COMMISSION FOR FOREIGN

AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF HIGH TREASON ARISING FROM THE EVENTS IN SHABA AND HAS BEEN DISMISSED FROM ALL HIS FUNCTIONS BY A PRESIDENTIAL DECREE DATED 13 AUGUST 1977. HE IS ACCUSED OF HAVING HIDDEN FROM THE PRESIDENT-FOUNDER OF THE MPR CERTAIN DISCLOSURES THAT HAD BEEN MADE TO HIM ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE INVASION OF SOUTHWEST SHABA BY THE EX-KATANGAN GENDARMES. HE IS ALSO ACCUSED OF HAVING HAD SECRET CONTACTS WITH THEIR REPRESENTATIVE IN EUROTE -- WITH A CERTAIN TSHILENGE."

4. THE "SALONGO" ACCOUNT OF MOBUTU'S SPEECH WHICH IS THE MOST COMPLETE AVAILABLE, IS BEING POUCHED AF/C WALKER. COMMENTS WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL.  
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